

1. (Amended) A method of making a composite panel (100) of sandwich structure and provided with a hinge (106), said panel comprising a stack made up of at least one first skin (101) made of a reinforced thermoplastics material, of a cellular core (102) made up of a thermoplastic material, and of a second skin (103) made up of a thermoplastics material, in which method said panel (100) is formed by pressing said stack at a high pressure lying in the range 10×10^5 Pa to 30×10^5 Pa, the first and second skins (101, 103) being preheated to a softening temperature, said method being characterized in that, after said panel has been formed, forming a hinge (106) between two portions (107, 108) of a panel 100 at a predetermined place in said panel by cutting only a narrow incision through one (101) of the first and second skins (101, 103), and substantially through the entire thickness of the cellular core, while leaving the other skin (103) intact.

15. (Thrice Amended) A panel (100) of sandwich-type composite structure and comprising a stack made up of at least a first skin (101) made of a reinforced thermoplastic material, of a cellular core (102) made of a thermoplastics material, and of a second skin (103) made of a reinforced thermoplastics material, the panel being provided with at least one hinge, in which said panel (100) is formed by pressing said stack at a high pressure lying in the range 10×10^5 Pa to 30×10^5 Pa, the first and second skins (101, 103) being preheated to a softening temperature, said method being characterized in that, after said panel has been formed, forming a hinge (106) between two portions (107, 108) of a panel 100 at a predetermined place in said panel by cutting only a narrow incision through one (101) of the first and second skins (101, 103), and substantially through the entire thickness of the cellular core, while leaving the other skin (103) intact.